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Pennsylvania Milk Production Down 1.1 Percent in October

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during October 2002 totaled 884 million pounds, down 1.1 percent from last year, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 591,000 head, up 4,000 head from September, but 5,000 head less than October 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,495 pounds in October, 35 pounds more than September 2002, but 5 pounds less than October 2001.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during October 2002 totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from production in these states in October 2001. September revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 2.5 percent from September 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states averaged 7.79 million head, 67,000 head more than October 2001, and 8,000 head more than September 2002.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,544 pounds for October, 22 pounds above October 2001.